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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/810,766	Applicant(s) KRUSE ET AL.	
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c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: Claim 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Bedell et al. (US Patent No 6,996,568).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: A proposed amendment was discussed. Examiners indicated that the claimed invention was not distinct from the prior art. Some features regarding the claimed interface (e.g., defined options and its relation to structure of staging table) were proposed and discussed. Examiners promised to review the newly proposed amendment and discuss further. In conclusion, no agreement has been reached.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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